

# Inside Your Third

*The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department  
2 Second Street East Norwalk, CT 06855*

## Your Commission

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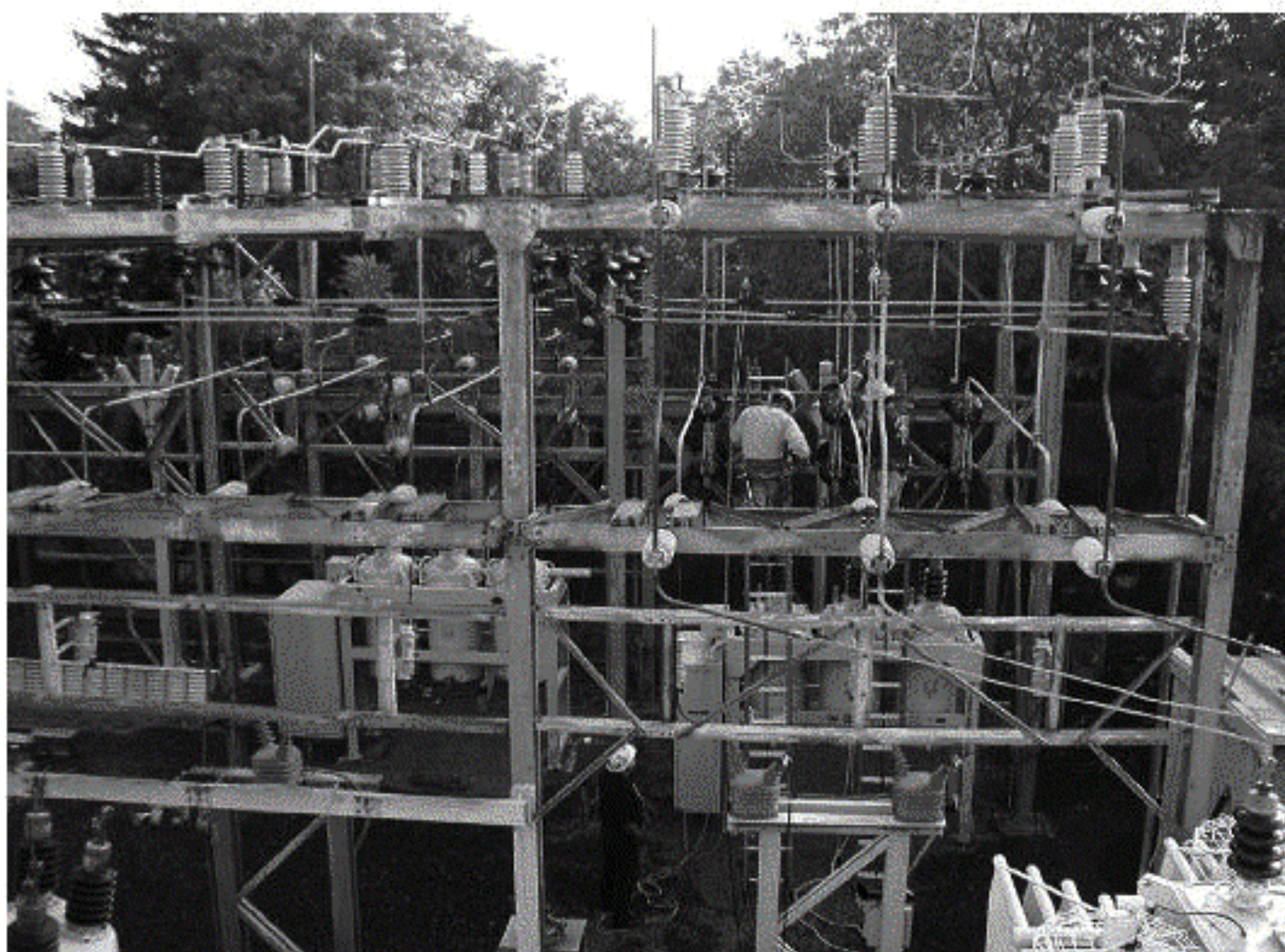
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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 21st Commission meeting at 7:00pm  
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- Nov. 18th Commission meeting at 7:00pm  
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- Dec. 2nd Menorah Lighting at 6:00pm at Gov. Fitch Park
- Dec. 8th Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00pm at Gov. Fitch Park
- Dec. 9th Commission meeting at 7:00pm  
Eunice Van Zilen Room



## YOUR DOLLARS HARD AT WORK

It has been a long time coming, but we are finally making long overdue repairs to our substations on East Avenue and Rowan Street. Although the few "blackouts" we experienced through the summer were not the fault of our equipment, they increased our awareness of the possible fallibility and needed repairs in our substations.

Our consulting electrical engineer cautioned that "Over the last ten years many maintenance and up grade projects had been delayed or cancelled." In a nine-step proposal, Mr. Joe Cristino of Cristino Associates, Inc. outlined issues which he said have required addressing since 1994.

Not anymore. Over the years, profits from the sale of electricity have been set aside in escrow accounts for these repairs and never used. This Commission recognizes the need for these repairs and the money set aside to accomplish them and has decided to implement a proactive plan to get things done.

First to be repaired is our East Avenue substation pictured above. In the next few months we will be upgrading the protective circuit relays at the Rowan Street substation, some of which are over 50 years old.



# Practice Electrical Safety Outdoors

It's important to stay safe when electricity is involved. Here are some of the ways you should exercise caution when working or playing outdoors.

## Stay Away From Overhead Wires

- Carry ladders and long-handled tools parallel to the ground to avoid coming in contact with power lines.
- Don't place ladders or install antennas where they might fall into a power line.
- Don't try to trim trees that have wires running through them; have a professional do it.

## Steer Clear of Downed Power Lines

- Call us immediately if you come across a downed power line. Do not go near it.
- Call us at once if someone is touching a utility wire, so that the power can be turned off.
- Never attempt to move a victim or the power line.
- Stay in your car if a wire falls on it. If the car catches fire, jump clear, without touching the car and the ground at the same time.

## Play Safely

- Never fly kites or model airplanes near power lines. Call us to untangle kites or balloons that get caught in overhead wires. Don't try to do it yourself.
- Don't release metallic balloons—they can get caught in power lines and cause outages.
- Don't climb or build a tree house in a tree with power lines running through it.
- Avoid Substations and Transformers
- Teach children to recognize danger signs displayed on all high-voltage equipment.
- Do not allow children to play around substations or other ground-based electrical equipment.
- Call the us if you see signs of vandalism to electrical equipment or if fences or other safeguards are damaged.

## Landscape with Care

- Plant shrubs or low-growing trees under power lines. Trees that grow taller can interfere with our reliable service.
- Call before you dig. We can tell you the location of any underground lines.
- Keep bushy shrubs away from your meter.